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TRUDEAU'S ABILITY TO FACE QUEBEC SITUATION

IN A PREVIEW COLUMN OF MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE JANUARY 10 ISSUE, MACLEAN'S

EDITOR IN-CHIEF PETER C. NEWMAN CALLED PQ NOVEMBER 15 VICTORY
A TURNING POINT WHERE "SUDDENLY EACH ONE OF US IS BEING CONFRONTED
WITH HAVING TO RECOGNIZE JUST HOW FRAGILE THIS COUNTRY HAS SUDDENLY
BECOME." HE THEN CONTINUED ON TO COMPARE THE SELF-DETERMINATION
AND VIBRANT CULTURE OF QUEBEC WITH THE PUTTY CULTURE AND UNYIELDING
INFERIORITY COMPLEX OF ENGLISH CANADA, QUOTING BRITISH NOVELIST
ANTHONY BURGESS. "JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH AND MARSHALL MCLUHAN ARE
THE TWO GREATEST MODERN CANADAINS THAT THE US HAS PRODUCED."
CHARACTERIZING PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AS A MAN CAUGHT BETWEEN
"MILITANT DEMANDS AND MODERATE POSSIBILITIES," WHO "HAS RETREATED
INTO PETULANCE, ACTING OUT OF POLITICAL VIBRATIONS FAR REMOVED FROM
REALITY," NEWMAN
CONCLUDES THAT "CONFEDERATION SUPPORTERS WILL HAVE
TO WORK THROUGH THEIR OWN, EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY CHANNELS TO
MOBILIZE AND REDIRECT THE STRONG PATRIOTIC FEELINGS THAT
ALREADY EXIST ACROSS THIS COUNTRY." HE OBSERVED THAT QUEBECKERS
MUST BE CONVICTED THAT THEIR PROUD, AUTONOMOUS SOCIETY'S BEST
CHANCE OF SURVIVAL IS IN ALLIANCE WITH THE CANADIAN NATION AS
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"THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO ENSURE THAT A HIGHLY INDIVIDUALISTIC
CULTURE OF NOT QUITE SIX MILLION PEOPLE CAN STAY AFLOAT IN A

SEA OF MORE THAN 200 MILLION STRANGERS."
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